



Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket No. RBS-20-BUSINESS-0045]

Inviting applications for Value-Added Producer Grants and Solicitation of Grant

Reviewers; Correction

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (Agency), USDA published a notice in the *Federal Register* of December 21, 2020 regarding acceptance of applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) Program. This document inadvertently listed two incorrect amounts of available funds and omitted the option for the applicants to submit applications via electronic mail. This notice corrects these errors.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

(1) In the **Federal Register** of December 21, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020-27986, on page 83038, in the first column, under the **SUMMARY**, correct the second sentence to read: Approximately \$33 million is currently available.

(2) In the **Federal Register** of December 21, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020-27986, on page 83039, in the second column, under **B. Federal Award Information**, correct *Available Total Funding* to read: \$33 million.

(3) In the **Federal Register** of December 21, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020-27986, on page 83038, in the first column, correct the “Dates” caption to read: Applications must be submitted to the USDA Rural Development State Office for the state where the project is located. Applications may be submitted in paper through hand delivery or electronic mail format to the appropriate Rural Development State Office and must be received by 4:30 p.m. local time on March 22, 2021. Mailed applications must be postmarked, shipped or sent by March 22, 2021. Electronic applications via <http://www.grants.gov> must be received before Midnight Eastern time on March 16, 2021. Follow the instructions for the VAPG funding announcement on <http://www.grants.gov>. Please review the *Grants.gov* website at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/registration.html> for instructions on the process of registering your organization as soon as possible to ensure you are able to meet the electronic application deadline. Late applications are not eligible for grant funding under this Notice. Applicants are encouraged to contact their respective Rural Development State Office for an email contact to submit an electronic application prior to the submission deadline date(s). A list of the USDA Rural Development State Office contacts can be found at:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/page/state-offices>.

(4) In the **Federal Register** of December 21, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020-27986, on page 83038, in the third column, under **Overview**, correct *Dates* to read: Application Deadline. You must submit your complete paper or electronic mail application by March 22, 2021, or it will not be considered for funding. Electronic applications must be received by <http://www.grants.gov> no later than midnight Eastern time on March 16, 2021, or it will not be considered for funding.

(5) In the **Federal Register** of December 21, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020-27986, on page 83041, in the first column, under **D. Application and Submission Information**, under 2. *Content and Form of Application Submission*, correct the first paragraph to read: You may submit your application in paper, in electronic mail form, or electronically through Grants.gov. Your application must contain all required information.

(6) In the **Federal Register** of December 21, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020-27986, on page 83041, in the second column, correct the sixth full paragraph to read: If you want to submit a paper or electronic mail application, send it to the State Office located in the state where your project will primarily take place. You can find State Office contact information at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/page/state-offices>. An optional-use Agency application template is available online at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants>.

(7) In the **Federal Register** of December 21, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020-27986, on page 83042, in the first column, under 4. Submission Dates and Times, under *Explanation of Deadlines*., correct the first paragraph to read: Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight by March 22, 2021. The Agency will determine whether your application is late based on the date shown on the postmark or shipping invoice. You may also hand deliver or electronic mail your application to one of our field offices, but it must be received by close of business on the deadline date. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the application is due the next business day. Late applications will automatically be considered ineligible and will not be evaluated further.

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